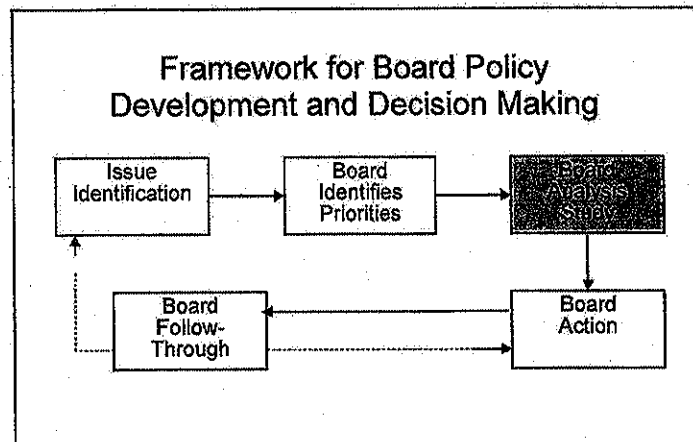


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 20, 2008



Agenda Item: 2008-2009 State Board Policy Development Priorities and Master Calendar

Iowa Goal: All

Equity Impact Statement: The State Board's Policy Development/Leadership Agenda is designed to strengthen Iowa's education system and provide access to quality education for all students.

Presenter: Gail Sullivan
Chief of Staff

Attachments: 2

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board review and discuss the Policy Development Priorities and Master Calendar for the coming year.

Background: At the State Board Retreat in August, State Board members identified their Policy Development Priorities for 2008-2009. Department staff has reviewed the priorities and developed a proposal for addressing them on the State Board's Master Calendar during the coming year.

State Board of Education Policy Development / Leadership Agenda

**2008-2009
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Vision: Iowa students will become productive citizens in a democratic society, and successful participants in a global community.

Statement of Mission: Our Mission is to champion excellence for all Iowa students through leadership and service.

State Board Policy Development Priorities

Based on a discussion of 21st century schools, and the educational system that will be needed to prepare our students for the world of the future, four themes were selected as policy development priorities for 2008-2009. The themes are **Innovation, Engagement, Quality, and Expectations**. Following are brief notes from the Board's discussion of these issues at the State Board Retreat, and plans for addressing these priorities at board meetings throughout the coming year:

Innovation

Notes from Board discussion:

- 21st century skills – What do best practices look like in action?
- How do we promote innovation to meet changing needs? (Provide flexibility, share ideas, develop incentives, review charter schools, evaluate new approaches)
- School size/efficiency in operations (interaction with quality)
 - Year round schools
 - Four day school week
 - Move to instructional hours
- Incentives for utilizing new technologies

Master Calendar plan to address the theme of Innovation:

- Identify innovative programs to present to the Board (i.e. Sigourney Entrepreneurial Program) – February 2009
- Invite a school district to share how it is changing its practices with *Authentic Intellectual Work* – July 2009

- Visit a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified school – Iowa City School District, James Van Allen Elementary School in North Liberty (hold State Board Meeting in Iowa City) – September 2009
- Charter School renewal request – Storm Lake/Early College Charter. Ask charter school to describe their program, goals and objectives, and impact on student achievement – February 2009
- Update on Articulation and LACTS (Liaison Advisory Committee for Transfer Students); feature the partnership between Iowa Lakes Community College and the Engineering program at the University of Iowa on wind energy – July 2009

Engagement

Notes from Board discussion:

- How can the State Board engage people across the state to understand and own “quality”?
- Community Conversations -- How can we do a better job of bringing people to the table?
- Invite more “real people” who are implementing programs to appear before the State Board
- Partnerships – best practices to get parents engaged (i.e. using technology to get parents involved; creating a welcoming culture at the school)

Master Calendar plan to address the theme of Engagement:

- Schedule a series of community conversations across the state for the Director and State Board members to meet with members of communities to discuss how schools, parents and the community can work together to improve the quality of their schools and increase student achievement – schedule throughout 2009
- Plan State Board visits to school districts and programs when possible – November 2008, September 2009
- Invite teachers and administrators who are implementing programs to present to the State Board – throughout the year

Quality

Notes from Board discussion:

- How do we promote quality education regardless of the size of the district?
- How do we evaluate quality?
- Phase I and Phase II of the school accreditation system – Is there a better early warning system? Do we need legislative adjustments?

- Teachers / administrators
 - Salary
 - Different roles
 - How to address teacher shortages (especially ELL teachers)
- Impact of transportation costs on instruction
- Mandated writing assessment
 - Must be aligned with essential concepts and skills
 - Best practices – what are other states doing?
 - What would we do with this information to make sure quality improves (technical assistance, professional development)

Master Calendar plan to address the theme of Quality:

- Teacher Development Academies (TDAs) – Invite teachers to talk to the Board about how they have changed their teaching as a result of Teacher Develop Academies – December 2008
- Phase I Accreditation Visit – Provide an overview of the process – feature School Improvement Consultants – December 2008
- State Board Work Session – Discuss the Phase II Accreditation Visit process and early warning signs that a district may be having difficulty – December 2008
- K-12 Social Studies and 21st Century Skills – Approve essential concepts and skills – February 2009
- Iowa Core Curriculum – How does the Iowa Core Curriculum improve the quality of instruction? – April/May 2009
- Update on School Leadership Initiatives – November 2009
- Joint meeting with representatives of the Board of Educational Examiners (possible topic: teacher shortages) – December 2009

Expectations

Notes from Board discussion:

- What does technology mean for the schools of the future?
- What does a technology rich environment look like?
- Technology – how will this change instruction and how does it relate to quality, innovation, and engagement?

Master Calendar plan to address the theme of Expectations:

- Update on EdInsight – this statewide student data system provides the information necessary to assess student needs and increase expectations – September 2009
- Invite school districts to discuss innovative ways they are using technology (i.e. Waterloo Smart Boards, East Marshall Virtual Reality Lab, innovative technology grant recipients) – November 2009
- Online Learning – an update from Iowa Learning Online, AP Online, and the Community College Statewide Consortium – December 2008

MASTER CALENDAR

State Board of Education	Policy Development Agenda	Leadership & Advocacy Activities	Board Statutory Responsibilities	Information and Board Development
February 6, 2008	Authentic Intellectual Work Project Lead the Way	Legislative Reception – Advocacy for Board Priorities	Appeal Decision Carl D. Perkins Draft Plan Review Rules: Chapter 83 – Educator Quality Programs (Adopt) Rules: Chapter 17 – Open Enrollment (Adopt) Specially Accredited – Ankeny Christian Academy Nonpublic Accreditation – Gehlen Catholic Elementary Rules: Chapter 68 – Charter Schools (Notice)	Legislative Briefing – Preparation for Reception Introduce Ambassador for Education during Director's Report
March 11, 2008			Russell Community School District Report on Phase II Fiscal Review and Accreditation Visit	

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April 3-4, 2008	Iowa Core Curriculum Approval	Joint Meeting with AEA Governing Boards – Department and State Board Update Community College Condition of Education Report	Appeal Decision Rules: Chapter 36 – Extracurricular Interscholastic Competition (Adopt) Rules: Chapter 68 – Charter Schools (Adopt) Rules: Chapter 12 – General Accreditation Standards (Adopt) Carl D. Perkins Plan (Adopt) AEA Budget Approval for 2008-2009 Program Approval • Mt. Mercy Masters Program • University of Northern Iowa Superintendent Preparation Program Phase II Report and Recommendations Exempt Schools Accredited Nonpublic School Request to Add a Grade – Concordia Lutheran	Legislative Update Participation in AEA Conference Sessions

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May 14, 2008	Update on Shared Efficiencies	Election of Officers	<p>Community College Certified Budget Report</p> <p>Community College Accreditation Report • Hawkeye CC</p> <p>Rules Chapter 103 – Corporal Punishment (Notice)</p> <p>Rules Chapter 56 – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities (terminate rulemaking and re-notice)</p> <p>Charter School Renewal</p> <p>Wartburg Practitioner Preparation Program Approval</p> <p>Nonpublic Accreditation – Grandview Park Baptist School</p>	<p>Legislative Update</p> <p>Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services State and Strategic Plan</p>

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<p>July 30 – August 1, 2008 Sioux City</p>	<p>What Other States are Doing on School Reorganization</p> <p>Update on Iowa Core Curriculum</p>	<p>Meet with Governor Culver about Education Priorities</p> <p>Joint Meeting with Iowa Association of Community College Trustees</p> <p>Participate in IACCT Annual Conference</p>	<p>Community College Accreditation Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Iowa CC <p>Rules: Chapter 56 – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities (Adopt)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 21 – Community Colleges and Chapter 24 – Community College Accreditation (Notice)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 84 – National Board Certification (Notice)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 17 – Open Enrollment (Notice)</p> <p>Nonpublic Accreditation – Siouxland Community Christian School</p> <p>Nonpublic Accreditation – Willowwind School</p>	

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August 20-22, 2008	<p>STATE BOARD RETREAT</p> <p>2008 Update on Strategic Plan Measures of Success and Major Initiatives</p> <p>What Does It Take to Achieve 21st Century Schools?</p> <p>Identify State Board Policy Development Priorities</p> <p>Initial Discussion of Legislative Priorities</p> <p>Communication Plan</p>			
September 11, 2008	<p>Offers for FY 10 (Budget Request)</p> <p>Articulation Website (Regents)</p> <p>2007 Iowa Community College Performance Indicators Report</p>	State Board Legislative Agenda for 2009	<p>AEA Accreditation Report (AEA 14 and Great Prairie)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 31 – Competent Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment (Notice)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 103 – Corporal Punishment (Adopt)</p> <p>Practitioner Preparation Program Approvals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waldorf College Maharshi University of Management 	<p>Community College FY 09 Tuition and Fees Report</p> <p>New Board member orientation session: Early Childhood Education</p>

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November 19-21, 2008	<p>Honors and Recognition – Breaking Barriers Awards</p> <p>Visit George Washington Carver Early Childhood Education Program</p> <p>Diversity Initiatives and Activities</p> <p>State Board Policy Development Agenda and Master Calendar</p>	<p>Condition of Education Report</p> <p>Joint Meeting with IASB Executive Board</p> <p>Participation at IASB Annual Conference</p>	<p>Rules: Chapter 21 and 24 – Community Colleges (Adopt)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 84 – National Board Certification (Adopt)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 17 – Open Enrollment (Adopt)</p>	
Dec. 11, 2008	<p>Teacher Development Academies – How They Have Changed Teaching Practices</p> <p>Phase I Accreditation Visit – An Overview of the Process</p> <p>Online Learning in Iowa</p>		<p>Rules: Chapter 31 – Competent Private Instruction (Adopt)</p> <p>Rules: Chapter 79 – Educator Preparation (Notice)</p> <p>Rules: Chapters 12 & 58 – Healthy Kids (Notice)</p> <p>Northwestern Educator Preparation Program Approval</p>	<p>State Board Work Session: Discuss Phase II Accreditation Visits</p>

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February 11, 2009	Perkins IV Performance Measures 2008 Iowa Community College Performance Indicators Report K-12 Social Studies and 21 st Century Skills – Essential Concepts and Skills (Approve) Innovative Programs (i.e. Sigourney Entrepreneurial Program)	Legislative Reception – Advocacy for Board Priorities Community College Condition of Education Report	Rules: Senior Year Plus (Notice) Storm Lake/Early College Charter School Renewal Request)	State Board Work Session: School Finance in Iowa Legislative Briefing – Preparation for Reception Introduce Ambassador for Education during Director's Report Community College High School Enrollment Report
April 30 / May 1, 2009	Update on Iowa Core Curriculum Update on Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year Olds	Joint Meeting with AEA Governing Boards – Department and State Board Update	AEA Budget Approval for 2009-2010 Community College Certified Budget Report Rules: Senior Year Plus (Adopt) Community College Accreditation Reports • North Iowa Area • Iowa Central	Legislative Update Participation in AEA Conference Sessions Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, State and Strategic Plan
June 18-19, 2009	State Board Retreat			

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July 29-31, 2009 Ft. Dodge	Changing Practices – 21 st Century Skills/Authentic Intellectual Work (presentation by a school district) Update on Articulation and LACTS (including wind energy partnership)	Joint Meeting with Iowa Association of Community College Trustees Schedule a Community Meeting	Iowa Lakes Community College Accreditation Report	Participation in IACCT Annual Conference
September 10, 2009 Iowa City	Offers for FY 11 (Budget Request) Energy Efficiency in Schools (visit LEED certified school in Iowa City School District) EdInsight – Update on New DE Data Systems	State Board Legislative Agenda for 2010 Schedule a Community Meeting		Community College FY 10 Tuition and Fees Report
November 18-20, 2009	Honors and Recognition: Breaking Barriers Awards Innovative Uses of Technology (Waterloo Smart Boards, East Marshall Virtual Reality Lab, technology grant recipients) Update on School Leadership Initiatives	Condition of Education Report Joint Meeting with IASB Executive Board		Participation in IASB Conference

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December 10, 2009	Meet with Representatives from the Board of Educational Examiners			